

Table 1-12

**School program representatives reporting various issues as serious problems for mathematics and science instruction, by school level: 2012**

(Percent)

Issues	Mathematics instruction			Science instruction		
	Elementary	Middle	High	Elementary	Middle	High
Student issues						
High student absenteeism	8	13	16	8	13	13
Inappropriate student behavior	10	16	10	9	15	8
Low student interest in mathematics or science	14	25	30	5	11	13
Low student reading abilities	22	24	20	16	19	19
Teacher issues						
Insufficient time to teach mathematics or science	13	12	10	27	17	10
Lack of opportunities for teachers to share ideas	15	14	9	20	16	13
Lack of teacher interest in mathematics or science	2	1	2	4	3	2
School issues						
Inadequate funds for purchasing equipment and supplies	12	18	16	30	32	28
Lack of parental support	15	17	15	10	14	9

SOURCE: Banilower ER, Smith PS, Weiss IR, Malzahn KA, Campbell KM, Weis AM, *Report of the 2012 National Survey of Science and Mathematics Education* (2013).

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